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Michael A. Slivka et al.

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For: NON-FUSION SPINAL CORRECTION  
SYSTEMS AND METHODS

Examiner: M. C. Hoffman

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.